



To the Honorable Council
City of Norfolk, Virginia

January 25, 2022

From: Jim Redick

Subject: Declaration of Local Emergency

Reviewed:

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Michael G. Goldsmith, Deputy City
Manager

Ward/Superward: Citywide

Approved:

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Dr. Larry H. Filer II, City Manager

Item Number: R-20

I. **Recommendation:** Adopt Ordinance

II. **Applicant:** City of Norfolk, Department of Emergency Preparedness & Response

III. **Description:**

This agenda item is an ordinance confirming a Declaration of a State of Local Emergency made by the Director of Emergency Management for the City of Norfolk pursuant to Virginia Code section 44-146.21, due to the hazard and damages of the Winter Storm from January 21, 2022, at 0700, to January 24, 2022, -at 0800.

IV. **Analysis:**

The Declaration of a local emergency allows the city to request additional resources from the state and federal government as available, to assist in response and recovery efforts.

V. **Financial Impact:**

Limited costs for clean-up, equipment rental and manpower (overtime)

VI. **Environmental:**

Damages cause by the rain, wind, and snow.

VII. **Community Outreach/Notification:**

Public notification for this agenda was conducted through the City of Norfolk's agenda notification process.

VIII. **Board/Commission Action:** N/A

IX. **Coordination/Outreach:**

This letter has been coordinated with the Department of Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response

Supporting Material:

- Signed Declaration of Emergency (002) (PDF)

Form and Correctness Approved:

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Contents Approved:

Jim Redick

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Margaret Kelly

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By:

DEPT. Emergency Preparedness &
Response

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING A DECLARATION OF A
STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MADE BY THE
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE
CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO
VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 44-146.21, DUE TO THE
HAZARDS AND DAMAGES OF THE WINTER STORM.

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WHEREAS, the National Weather Service recognized the
danger to coastal residents of Virginia from the Winter Storm
for which the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm
Warning beginning January 21, 2022, 07:00 AM EST, which included
the City of Norfolk;

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 44-146.21 provides
authority for a political subdivision such as the City of
Norfolk to declare a State of Local Emergency and protect the
health and safety of persons and property and provide emergency
assistance to the victims of such disaster, and proceed without
regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed
by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining
to the performance of public work, entering into contracts,
incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers,

rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and other expenditures of public funds; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the Norfolk City Council recognizes that the Winter Storm posed a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of the City of Norfolk, Virginia, and hereby confirms and ratifies the declaration of a State of Local Emergency made by the Director of Emergency Management for the City of Norfolk on January 21, 2022, at 07:00 AM, for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

Section 2:- That the Norfolk City Council hereby exercises its authority to take any actions necessary and permitted by Virginia Code Section 44-146.21 and to waive the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in Virginia Code Section 44-146.21.

Section 3:- That the Norfolk City Council hereby declares that a State of Local Emergency for the Winter Storm remained in effect until January 24, 2022, at 08:00 AM.

Section 4:- That this resolution shall be in effect from the date of its adoption.

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
CITY OF NORFOLK**

I, the undersigned, as Director of Emergency Management for the City of Norfolk, find the imminent threat of severe weather and loss or interruption of vital City services posed by the Winter Storm for which the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning beginning January 21, 2022, 07:00 AM EST, to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate any potential damage, loss, hardship or suffering. Therefore, pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and pursuant to authorization and consent of the City Council, I hereby declare the existence of a Local Emergency in the City of Norfolk, effective as of the date and time below.

In accordance with this Declaration, the Office of Emergency Management and all other appropriate City agencies and employees are hereby vested with, and are authorized to carry out, all powers, duties and functions prescribed by State and local law, rules, regulations and plans as may be necessary to adequately and appropriately respond to said Local Emergency.



City Manager
Director of Emergency Management

January 21, 2022 at 7:00 am
Date and Time